

## **Surveillance Activities**

Since 1981, confidential STD and HIV/AIDS Surveillance had been used to monitor the scope and impact of STD and HIV diseases on local, state and national levels. Monitoring is important to public health as it allows communities to plan and implement programs, monitor the spread of the disease, and appropriately allocate resources to the impacted communities.

Data is used to better target prevention efforts when trends can be identified. Federal funding for prevention and care is based on the percentage of each state's population who has STD and HIV/AIDS. Idaho is better able to provide services to the impacted population if reporting is accurate and complete. The database is confidential, and no identifying information is available to any outside sources.